

APPENDIX

DIMENSIONS OF POVERTY IN 1964

DEFINITION OF POVERTY

This is an interim description of the poor, by age, sex, and location, based upon the March 1965 national population survey by the U.S. Bureau of the Census of families and unrelated individuals at all income levels. The tables and text presented here are developed by the Office of Economic Opportunity as an aid in its administration of the Poverty Act. As used in this definition, "family" means a group of two or more people, living in the same dwelling unit and related by blood, marriage, or adoption; "household" extends the same concept to include one-person families, technically usually identified as "unrelated individuals."

This is not the ultimate definition or description. It extends to mid-1965 the description of poverty released by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare early in the year and displaces the \$1,500 and \$3,000 characteristics used as recently as late 1964. Eventually this definition, too, in turn may be replaced.

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